

**SEA LIFE Trust Cornish Seal Sanctuary**  
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**Soaring for Seals**  
**Fundraising Manager overcomes her biggest fear, for the love of seals**



Fundraising Manager, Leanne Attwood, alongside twelve fearless Cornish Seal Sanctuary supporters, will be free-falling 10,000 feet at 120mph as they all **'Skydive for Seals'** next Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Supporters of the Cornish Seal Sanctuary have been fundraising in advance of their adrenalin fuelled weekend at the Cornish Parachute Club in St Agnes, Cornwall, with nearly £3000 being raised already.

On the day, the team will also be joined by a very special guest, TV presenter, Stuntman, and Cornish Seal Sanctuary Ambassador, Andy Torbet.

Andy is an accomplished skydiver having represented Team GB and the Skydiving World Championships and other international competitions since 2016 and will be jumping with those raising money for the Seal Sanctuary with his friends and Demo Team.

Andy comments- *"It's rare my world of skydiving connect with my world of diving, love of the underwater realm and marine conservation but this event allows me to bring the two together to raise money and awareness for a great cause"*

### **Conquering fears**

Leanne also has an additional test to face on the day, in that she's terrified of heights! Leanne comments: *"I have a deep fear of heights, so this challenge is not only about supporting our charity but also about confronting one of my greatest fears. I'm incredibly passionate about the Cornish Seal Sanctuary and the wonderful creatures that call it home. Our resident seals have overcome bigger challenges in their lives, some through entanglement, blindness, even brain injury. The redevelopment of our pools is needed to ensure their future, so if jumping out of a plane can help achieve that, I'm definitely up for the challenge! I'll be channelling my inner Marlin as he's my favourite seal.....Wish me luck!"*

All funds raised from this event will go towards supporting the Sanctuary's ['Fund Our Future'](#) campaign. This project aims to completely re-develop the existing resident pools which have stood for nearly 50 years since their creation by the founder of the Cornish Seal Sanctuary, Ken Jones. With their individual life stories, the seals have become Ambassadors for marine conservation, helping to educate the public about marine litter, plastic pollution and human

disruption, showing visitors how they too can play their part in keeping the seas safe for these beautiful mammals.

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### NOTES TO EDITORS

We would love for film and media crew to come and witness Leanne's Skydive on the day. At ; The Cornish Parachute Club in St Agnes, The Airfield, Higher Trevellas St, Saint Agnes TR5 0XS

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### **About the Cornish Seal Sanctuary**

The SEA LIFE TRUST Cornish Seal Sanctuary is a charity that rescues and rehabilitates grey seal pups from around the Cornish coastline.

Each season (September - March), the Sanctuary rehabilitates more 70 seal pups that have been rescued for various reasons, from malnourishment to being separated from their mum. The Sanctuary also provides a permanent home to animals that need special care from our team of marine animal experts, including common and grey seals, beavers and rescue puffins. You can find out more about our mission and vital conservation work, [right here](#). the encouragement to be life-long advocates for marine conservation and marine life.

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